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BOOK REVIEWS.

England in America. 1580-1652. By Lyon Gardner Tyler, LL. D., President of William and Mary College. With Maps. New York and London. Harper & Bros., Publishers. 1904.

This book is one of a series of twenty-eight volumes known as "The American Nation: A History." These books are divided into five groups, the first group relating to the Foundations of the Nation; the second to Transformation into the Nation; the third to the Development of the Nation; the fourth to the Trial of Nationality; and the fifth to National Expansion. To the first group belongs the book under review. The publishers were wise in selecting Lyon G. Tyler to write on England in America, for, as it has been truly said, he is especially qualified for the task, being an author whose descent and historical interest connect him both with Northern and Southern groups of English settlements in America. The book has been and will continue to be read with special interest in Virginia, not only on account of its intrinsic value but on account of the fact that its author is so widely known and generally respected. The first two chapters of the work deal with unsuccessful attempts to plant English colonies. The next two chapters describe the founding of the first successful colony in Virginia, and emphasize the four notable features of that movement, which features are described by the editor as follows: First, The Creation of Colonizing Companies; second, The Great Waste of Money and Sacrifice of Life Caused by the Failure of the Colonizers to Adapt Themselves to the Conditions of Life in America; third, The Part Which the Staple Crop of Tobacco Took in Rendering Permanent the Effort to Colonize Virginia; and, fourth, The Early Evidence of the Unconquerable Desire of Self-Government Brought Out in the Movements of the First Assembly in 1619 and the Later Colonial Government.

The author also discusses The Founding of Maryland and of The New England Colonies. The aim of the volume is not only to show the progress of English colonies but the reasons therefor.

The Real Lincoln. From the Testimony of His Contemporaries. By Charles L. C. Minor, M. A., LL. D. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Everett Waddey Co., Richmond, Va., 1904. \$1.00.

This is the book made famous by the fact that it was excluded from the shelves of the library of Harvard University and ordered to be burned. Its author formerly occupied a chair in a University of the South and was the first president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and was for many years connected with the Episcopal High School in Alexandria. Mr. Minor thinks that an altogether mistaken estimate of Abraham Lincoln now exists and that many good qualities are attributed to him which even the most eulogistic biographers of